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APPEAL

Citizens,

The threat of a war got one more step closer to the door. The fascist junta signed another new slavery treaty with the USA and gave the permission to the USA for use of Incirlik base in Adana as a support in its onslaughts against Lebanon. Our right of national sovereignty therefore has been once more trampled upon in a coward way. Our people was stabbed in the back.

The USA tries to strangle the struggle of Lebanese people for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. It boldly declares that it will attack our neighbour, Syria. The USA imperialism now has the opportunity of officially making use of our soil for its attacks.

This decision is a step forward making Turkey a new Israil in the region. The junta is the accomplice of the genocide launched by the USA and Israel against Arab and Palestinian peoples. The people of Turkey can never accept being like Israil, the gendarmerie of the US imperialism.

The Communist Party of Turkey warned our people when a separatist state was declared in Northern Cyprus. It stated that this decision which isolates our country from all states and peoples in favour of peace, detente and national independence, inevitably would bring the country face to face with new impositions and a *fait accompli*. Official permission for the Incirlik base to be used for the US Rapid Deployment Forces is only a part of the adventurous game being played on the Cyprus issue. That will be followed by other impositions and deployment of Pershing missiles on our soil.

Dictator Evren, in his opening speech in the parliament, once more dared to defend the sentence of Peace Committee leaders to heavy imprisonments by the Martial Law Court. While Evren was directing his attacks to Turkey's peace movement which had opposed our country to be utilized for the selfish interests of the USA, defended peaceful co-existence with all neighbouring countries and supported the struggle of Arab peoples for national independence, the resigned ministers of the junta were putting their signature on a treaty that turns soil of Anatolia into a bayonet to shoot the Arab people. Dictator Evren, claiming that international public opinion by their protest the repression and terror of the junta and showing solidarity with our people are interfering our internal affairs, once more slavishly yielded to the demands of the US Administration and victimized our national sovereignty for the US interests. Evren claims that the authority of the National Security Council is passed into the parliament and transition into democracy was realised. On the same day, while a new government has not even formed yet, the generals signed a new inauspicious treaty with Washington, driving our people into a war. There can be no other clear proof exposing the hypocrisy of the junta, the extent of its hostility for peace and democracy.

The Communist Party of Turkey perseveringly warns our people and all national democratic forces against such dangers. Developments testify such a reality that has been underlined persistently by our party: Without overthrow of the fascist dictatorship, it is impossible to pass into democracy and to avert our country being the gendarmerie of the USA. Without dismantling of the US bases, Turkey can not be an independent and a sovereign country. Citizens.

The Communist Party of Turkey appeals everyone who loves his countrymen and his sons, to raise his voice for annulment of this shameful document signed with the US imperialism. Let us not allow our country to be a new Israel against our neighbour Syria and against fraternal Lebanese people!

December 8, 1983

*Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey*

HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY AND THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

In the meeting between Comrade Haydar Kutlu, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and Karl Schröder, member of the Presidential Board of the German Communist Party, international situation and relations between two communist parties were discussed.

Both parties strongly condemned beginning of deployment of new US missiles, first nuclear strike weapons in West Europe as an attempt contradicting with the interests of peace and against the will of people. Both fraternal parties characterised the initiatives in the direction of increase of the US military presence, especially deployment of the US Rapid Deployment Forces in Turkey, as a threat against peace.

THE NEW PROGRAMME OF THE CPT

The new programme of the CPT approved in the 5. Congress consists of sections: Introduction, Characteristics of Our Epoch and the Place of Turkey in the Imperialist System, Situation in Turkey, National and Social Liberation Path of the People of Turkey. This last chapter includes sections under the subtitles: Overthrowal of the fascist dictatorship and establishment of national democracy, national democracy, completion of anti-imperialist democratic peoples' revolution and our socialist aim.

Below is given extracts from the last section of the programme under the title of "Overthrowal of the fascist dictatorship and establishment of national democracy":

The Immediate Task:

The most immediate task at present is to overthrow the fascist dictatorship. The goal of the CPT in this period is with overthrowal of the dictatorship re-achievement and extension of general democratic freedoms of the people. That is the task of defence of peace, preservation of Turkey from a nuclear catastrophe, preventing it to be the gendarmerie of the US imperialism and providing Turkey to be a peace factor in the region and to be a sovereign and independent country. That is the task of re-achievement and extension of the plundered social, economic gains of the working people, public employees, peasants, the youth, small shop-owners and the artisans. That is the task of sweeping away the national oppression on the Kurdish people.

The Path of the Revolution

These tasks can only be solved fully by uniting the working class, broadest forces for peace and democracy in a national democratic front, by overthrowal of the collaborating fascist dictatorship through independent active action of the popular masses, by transition of the power into the front of national democratic forces, by establishment of national democracy, launching anti-imperialist democratic transformations and during this process, in the proportion of consolidation of the hegemony of the working class deepening and completion of the democratic peoples revolution.

While stating that by-passing steps and stages which in concrete terms are compulsory in the development of the revolutionary process would cause heavy defeats, the CPT is aware of the following reality: The revolution will achieve concrete forms and characteristics as the product of day-to-day struggles of tens of millions of working people for their concrete interests, their creative and active initiatives, but not according to some abstract schemes.

The fascist dictatorship made totally impossible for the revolution to be triumphed along a peaceful path. The parliament is the cover of the fascist junta. Now almost every form of non-parliamentarian struggle finds itself face to face with the armed forces of the state.

The CPT will not hesitate to make use of even the smallest peaceful opportunity and on the other hand, on the basis of its own experiences, it will explain to the popular masses about non-peaceful path of the revolution and the

party will be prepared for all types of struggle. The CPT who has been the target of merciless attacks and repression since its foundation can attain a continuity in its work among the masses only by applying the sensitive measures of security of party organisations and cadres against the police.

The section under the title of "National Democracy" of the new programme of the CPT defines the forces who can carry the struggle for peace and democracy to the victory as those classes and strata whose interests contradicts with imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy, their political, trade union and professional organisations. The working class, peasantry, small shop-owners, patriotic soldiers, non-commissioned and commissioned officers in the army, intelligentsia, small and medium size entrepreneurs, the Kurdish people and all forces standing against the dictatorship are the class basis of national democracy. This power is against imperialism and the oligarchy whose core is a handful of monopolies.

The programme points out the tasks of the government of national democratic forces as recognition of political rights, taking urgent steps for preservation of peace, striking heavy blows onto the positions of the collaborating oligarchy and the US imperialism in order to not allowing revival of fascism for rooting out reactionary military coups and dismantling militarism from the social life, democratisation of the state and all fields of the life.

One of the demands of which the CPT will wage a struggle for its immediate realization during this period is the demand for peace, national independence and friendship among peoples and it is given below:

Defence of Peace

Withdrawal of the ratification given to the nuclear armament programme of NATO: approval of an agreement of non-aggression between Warsaw Treaty Organisation and NATO, opposing the efforts of broadening the area of influence of NATO, on the basis of declaration of the Soviet Union not to make the first nuclear strike and its commitment of not using nuclear weapons against countries who do not have them, getting rid of all nuclear arsenals in our soil, positive reply to the proposal of the Peoples Republic of Bulgaria on creation of a nuclear free zone in Balkans, and not permitting for deployment of American missiles on the soil of Turkey.

Peace in the region and friendship among peoples

Standing against stationing of the US "Rapid Deployment Forces" on our soil, giving an end to the plans and implications of enlarged bases, not letting the AWACS spying planes to land on our soil, opposing of secret or open establishment of aggressive military blocks in the region.

Settlement of the Turkish-Greek dispute without interference of NATO, on the basis of principles of equal rights and international law orders and implications by means of peaceful discussions, non-recognition of the Rogers Plan which gives the Aegean Sea and the air space to the domination of NATO and the USA,

Fulfilment of the promises of Turkey in 1974 on withdrawal of armed forces from Cyprus, complete demilitarisation of Cyprus, recognition of the

principles of the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the island, settlement of the Cyprus problem in the direction of friendly co-existence of Turkish and Greek communities,

Approval of mutual non-aggression treaties with all neighbouring countries.

Solidarity with all anti-imperialist forces in the Middle East, above all, with the people of Palestine and the PLO, defence of the right of Palestinian people to establish their own state, withdrawal of Israel from the lands under its occupation.

National Sovereignty

Annulment of "Defence and Cooperation Treaty" approved by the junta that does not coincide with our national sovereignty, annulment of all bilateral slavery treaties signed with the USA, dismantle of the US and NATO bases on our soil,

By drawing necessary results from the US arms embargo, providing our national defence with multi-sided relations without tying up the national economy but basing it on our own strength, reorganisation of the national security policy not in accordance with the US military doctrines but according to the national interests;

Peaceful Co-existence

Steps to be taken in the direction of non-alignment,

Principles such as mutual equality, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference internal affairs, settlement of disputes without application of force or threat of force to be the basis of the foreign policy,

Establishment of cooperation providing good neighbourhood and mutual benefit with all countries of the region.

—from party organs—

THE ONLY CORRECT AND REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE

The ruling forces in Turkey make every effort in order to persuade the people on return of democracy after November 6 elections. Meanwhile, some views such that beginning of a transition period in direction of dissolution of the fascist regime are put forward by some left circles.

The generals however have not lost their positions in the power. The top echelon of the army being forced to give a certain share of the power to the Motherland Party by no means display a qualitative change of the regime or a way out for such a change. Because, despite some differences between them, the frame of this share out has been drawn not by the people or anti-junta forces, but directly by imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy. Moreover,

the main line of the policy of the Özal's government does not differ from the Uluşu government.

On the contrary, imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy are getting prepared for full use of the opportunities for manoeuvre provided by the civilian mask put on the fascist regime. With the recent steps taken in the foreign policy and in the economy, the country becomes more dependent on imperialism, in military, economic, political, in all terms, national productive forces are to be destroyed, exploitation of the working class and of other toiling people is to be further intensified. Arrests and repression continues.

Nevertheless, present days as seems complex at the first hand will only give a chance of a short breath for the enemies of the people. The policy pursued is a policy that further deepens the already existing contradictions in every field. Increasing US domination, beginning of collapse of the national foundations of the economy, intensification of exploitation will increase the apprehension of the people who will see that the results of November 6 elections would not bring any positive change in their daily life. The generals of the junta and the Motherland Party considering that they should prevent the participation of Righteous Path Party, Social Democratic party and the others in local elections displays the fact that in what extent limited the sphere of manoeuvre opportunities are limited for them. It is obvious that under these conditions, they will stand with open brutality against the raise of each demand of people for their rights.

For that reason, the political line of the Righteous Path Party and the Social Democratic Party that can be summarized as to take a share from the power or to come into power by means of legal opportunities, let alone giving a response to the concrete demands of the people, from their angle is not realistic and fruitful. Their allegation on transition to democracy can only be realised by this way only serves for confusion of the people. Not even a smallest democratic right can be achieved without total overthrow of this regime with the top echelon of the army, with its Constitution and MIT (National Intelligence Service), the regime which violates its own laws, without taking measures against the activities of the US imperialism and the collaborating oligarchy.

Developments in near future will show with more clarity that the line drawn by the Programme of the CPT, the line of overthrow of the fascist regime and establishment of national democracy is the only correct and realistic alternative for transition to democracy. The CPT appeals people not for waiting but for mobilisation for their own interests and demands, stand against Evren and Özal and to get prepared for this. The communists, by making every effort for organisation of the working class who is the real defender of democracy, for its mobilisation for an action, for realisation of the cooperation of the other sections of the people with the working class are making contribution for this preparation. Without increasing the influence of the working class in the political life, it is impossible for the people to protect itself from being the follower of the inner-conflicts of the bourgeoisie in the limits drawn by the fascist regime, and its mobilisation for its own destiny.

DANGEROUS STEPS ANTI-PEACE FACE OF THE COLLABORATING OLIGARCHY

The anti-national, anti-popular, anti-peace face of the collaborating oligarchy in Turkey has exposed itself once more with the approval of recent treaties with the USA.

First is the decision on purchase of 160 F-16 Falcon type fighter bombers whose total cost is more than 4.000m dollars. As it is known, the junta, with the allegation of modernisation of the air force had applied to the USA and this demand of the junta caused a competition between General Dynamics, Northrop and Mc Donald Douglas for the sale of their own aircrafts to Turkey. After months of bargainings with the US arms monopolies, the junta has opted F-16 aircrafts of the General Dynamics. During a prolonged bargaining, while Tahsin Şahinkaya, ex-Chief Commander of the Turkish Air Forces and now member of the Presidential Council was stating that "we should enter into the missile age, we should also join the missile race", Washington Post wrote in July 1983 that two US companies were in wild competition for sale of aircrafts. Moreover, for imposition of F-16 type bombers, the arms dealers were giving the Israeli attack by F-16 bombers on the nuclear reactor in Bagdat in 1980 as an example. With the decision on purchase of F-16 aircrafts, Turkey will be the sixth NATO country using these bombers, the USA sells same type of bombers to Israel, South Korea, Pakistan and also Egypt. According to the contract signed, sum of 1.000 m dollars of the total cost will be paid from the budget and the rest by the credits to be recieved from the USA. In the first stage, Turkey will purchase 8 bombers and the remaining aircrafts will be manufactured jointly by General Dynamics and the TUSAŞ in Turkey. In the other hand, according to the agreement called "Off set" system, marketing of Turkish export goods and manufacture and marketing of some valuable metals such as cobalt and copper, investments in the tourism sector is the proposal of the related company. Therefore the agreement also presupposes foreign investments in agriculture, industry based on agriculture, metal industry and tourism. And, in actual terms, with this agreement some important sectors of the economy will be opened for the foreign capital.

Another aspect of this is projects of manufacture of F-16 aircrafts, their pieces and factories to produce these and also some other weapons are included in the agreement. And that means the militarisation of the economy. Moreover, only with production of F-16 bombers, it will be necessary to pay licence dues to the General Dynamics and at the first stage of the production, supply of technicians from General Dynamics, payment of millions of dollars is the matter of subject. The first production workshops of course will be purchased from General Dynamics. All these, besides militarisation of the economy, foreign investments in various sectors of economy will bring new burdens to the budget. The Prime Minister of the junta, T. Özal tries to justify this by saying that

"F-16's are necessary for the defence of the motherland".

Right after the declaration of a separatist state in Northern Cyprus, the Middle East expert of Reagan, Donald Rumsfeld made a visit to Turkey and the question of opportunities for the US Rapid Deployment Forces for Lebanon came into agenda. (Milliyet, December 7, 1983)

Therefore, the second treaty with the USA, the dangerous step of the junta in the wake of the US imperialism was the permission given to the US Rapid Deployment Forces under the name of "international peace forces" to use the Incirlik-Adana base for its attacks against Lebanon. With this treaty between the USA and the fascist dictatorship, the US armed forces will be able to make use of the Incirlik base as they wish. The same treaty also includes more frequent visit of our harbours by the American 6. Fleet.

While the spokesman of the foreign ministry was rejecting the existence of such a treaty until the last moment, the Washington Post dated December 9, 1983 wrote "Turkey has showed that it is the true ally of the USA". Later, the Defence Minister of the junta Trkmen had obliged to make a statement saying "There is a multinational peace forces in Lebanon, we believe that if it leaves there will be a emptiness. In that frame, we provided some opportunities" Shultz, the Secretary of State of the USA in a press conference characterised the recent treaty with Turkey as "a development of strategical and political importance" and said "Turkey is our ally, we are in a continuous cooperation". However, as the opposition raised from the democratic circles, spokesman of the foreign ministry had to give an explanation such as "We consider the US armed forces as a part of the multi-national peace forces in Lebanon and for that reason we provide a support for the USA".

When the leader of one of the opposition parties, Chairman of the Populist Party, Calp declared that "Cruise missiles should be deployed in Turkey, also" and democratic public opinion considering whether this declaration was accidental or not, the Sunday Times was writing that the US Administration was planning to deploy Cruise missiles with conventional warheads instead of nuclear heads in number of countries including Turkey. The Sunday Times in its news based on the sources of Pentagon saying that the "most favourable countries" in which the Cruise missiles to be deployed are Turkey, Japan Denmark and some others.

Developments once more openly display the place of Turkey in the aggressive plans of the US imperialism, the dangerous adventures in which our country is to be driven in by the fascist junta and our country becoming a factor of threat against neighbouring countries and peoples of the region.

WHAT IS BEHIND THE SCREEN OF "RETURN TO DEMOCRACY"

Following the November 6 elections, chairman of the Motherland Party T.Özal became Prime Minister. Özal's government, its programme, first steps of the government all show that nothing has changed much but on the contrary, more brutality, repression, more exploitation of the working people and more dependence on imperialism.

Just by looking at the Özal's government, above all, Özal being the "true" friend of the imperialist circles, one of the founders of Association of Employers and Businessman of Turkey, member of the Association of Metal-ware Industrialists, worked some years in World Bank, deputy premier after September 12 coup for two years and incharge of whole economic affairs, known as the imposer of the austerity policy namely "January 24 Decisions"; Defence Minister, Z. Yavuztürk, co-owner of Keban Holding; Minister of Justice, N. Eldem founder and partner of Burtrak firm; Minister of Finance and Customs, V.Arikan, one of the five founders of Enka Holding; Minister of Agriculture, H. Doğan, director of the factories belonging to Koç Holding and so on, the programme of the government of course completely represents the interests of the handful of collaborating minority.

On the other hand, as one looks behind the screen of "return to democracy", after November 6 elections, as the generals of junta now call themselves "Presidential Council", nothing has changed, but arrests, searches, tortures and inhuman applications in prisons continue, more and more trials against democrats and patriots are on the way. According to the statesman of the Ministry of Justice, there are more than 46.000 people under arrest and 30.000 under detention.

Torture and repressive measures in prisons continues to create indignation among democratic circles and protests in many prisons

In Erzurum Prison, case of tortures were exhibited by the report of Amnesty International.

The prisoners showed marks of torture by taking off their clothes during the trial. A group of relatives of the prisoners in Mamak-Ankara prison stating that continuous torture has been applied on their relatives, wanted to see the Prime Minister Özal. Their meeting was prevented and they could only see his under secretary and told their complains about the situation in Mamak, as all prisoners are forced to wear uniforms, some prisoners had to sleep in the yard therefore many of them being in the state of coma. Following day the relatives of the prisoners visited the head of the parliament and handed in their petition.

In the beginning of January in many prisons of the country prisoners have started actions of protest. In Diyarbakır prison, authorities tried to prevent the actions by cutting off the water and turning of the heating. All papers and magazines were captured, resistance of prisoners were responded by the attack of soldiers. In following days prisoners were not allowed to be visited by their lawyers.

New trials have started against the affiliated TUs of DİSK. Recently, a trial has started against 13 leaders of İlerici Yapı-İş in the Martial Law Court of

Istanbul with the demand of between 6 years 8 months and 20 years of imprisonment. With the inclusion of Basın-İş trial, in DİSK trial, the number of tried trade union leaders were raised up to 1150 and death penalty demands up to 85.

While imprisonment of Peace Committee learders were rejected by their defence lawyers, the democratic public opinion of Europe, various organisations have protested the sentence of Peace Committee leaders. Disarmament organisations in Europe and in England protested the sentences with a statement released in London. They emphasized that 8 years of imprisonments for the Peace Committee learders as their state of health considered, are like a death penalty and demanded that the verdict should be reversed Amnesty International have also protested the inhuman applications on the arrested Peace Committee leaders. British Labour Party Executive Board have given a proposition to the British parliament and demanded their immediate relea ase and organisation of actions and solidarity in the international scale in this direction.

British Labour Party have also demanded revision of the relations of England with Turkey in this perspective. In the petition given to the parliament by the Labour Party, it was stated that a broad campaign has started by the World Disarmament Organisations, World Peace Council, UN Human Rights Commision and some other organisations and all are supported by the Labour Party. In Federal Germany, many Turkish and Kurdish organisations also protested sentence of Peace Committee leaders by various actions.

In Turkey, wives of the sentenced peace-lovers applied to K.Evren by a telegramme and protested this un-lawful decision. In their telegramme they stated that despite the open order of the number 353 provision the decision of the court has been applied without a reason and their husbands were arrested on the same day. This unlawful act still continues, despite the 8 weeks passed reasoned court decision still has not been written and not delivered to them. This implication while being contradictory with existing laws, heavily violates human rights and freedoms and is harmful from the point of justice. They stated that they believe, soon or less innocence of their husbands will be proved.

Following November 6 elections all developments clearly shows that nothing has been changed in Turkey and behind the allegation of "return to democracy" there lies heavy repression, brutality, violation of human rights and freedoms.

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MOROCCAN PARTY OF PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM

Esteemed comrades,

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of founding of the Moroccan Party of Progress and Socialism, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey conveys to you its revolutionary greetings.

This anniversary coincides with the days when the most aggressive circles of imperialism, above all the US imperialism and NATO conduct on a world-scale the policy of "crusade" against the socialist countries and try to succumb by every means the national and social liberation struggles of the peoples. This anniversary meets with the days when the struggle waged for the interests of the toiling people of your country sharpens and when imperialism tries to make your country a partner of its belicious adventures in the region.

The Communist Party of Turkey wishes that this historical anniversary should be a milestone in the struggle waged for peace in the world and for the interests of the workers and toiling peoples of all countries.

December 3, 1983

With our communist greetings
Haydar KUTLU
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE 7. CONGRESS OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of the communists of Turkey, and the working class of our country, the Communist Party of Turkey conveys its revolutionary greetings to the fraternal German Communist Party. On this occasion, we would like to express our appreciation for exemplary fraternal relations between the German Communist Party and the Communist Party of Turkey.

Your congress is being held under the conditions when the danger of FRG to be the place of eruption of an atomic war, has grown unprecedentedly. The ultra-reactionary sections of imperialism, above all the US imperialism starting from deployment of new US missiles caused this increase of fatal threat. These circles are taking the line of "Crusade" against the fortress of peace and social progress, the Soviet Union, other socialist countries, against the working class of the capitalist countries and against the peoples waging struggles for national and social liberation, mount tensions in every corner of the world, fan the conflicts and try to drive the mankind into a nuclear catastrophe. We wish that the decisions to be taken in your congress along the path of averting the threat of a nuclear war, strengthening the front of anti-war forces and defence of the right of existence of the mankind, to be realized successfully. The Communist Party of Turkey struggles shoulder to shoulder with the communists of the Federal Germany in all activities in this direction.

Your congress is being held in a state in which unemployment in FRG has reached to

an unprecedented level, the big capital launches an attack against the economic and social rights of the working class and developments in the right threatens the democratic rights and freedoms. We wish that your 7. Congress becomes a turning point in the struggle of retreating such attempts directed to the working class and the people of Federal Germany. The Communist Party of Turkey gives a big assessment to your party's policy which defends the rights of Turkish and all other foreign workers who are faced with hard conditions in such a period.

Esteemed comrades,

The onslaught of the collaborating oligarchy who covered the fascist regime in Turkey with a civilian mask through so-called elections on November 6, against our people, the working class, against and peace-lovers and progressive forces, against the Kurdish people continues. Economic, social democratic and political, all rights of the working people are now heavily violated under a civilian appearance. In the aggressive strategy of the US imperialism has been given the role of being the base of attack against the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, the role of being the gendarmerie against the struggle of peoples of the Middle East for freedom and it is confronted with the danger of being driven into a war in the region. Following the declaration of a separatist state in Cyprus, permission for the use of Adana-İncirlik base for the US attacks against the peoples of Lebanon, Palestine and Syria has multiplied this danger. The US Administration, following the deployment of Pershing-2 missiles in West Europe, brings onto the agenda their deployment in Turkey.

The 5. Congress of the CPT which was held in October 1983 pointed out the most immediate task confronting the communists of Turkey as defending peace, preventing Turkey to be wiped out in a nuclear war and make our country a factor of peace in the region. The Congress has put forward before our party the task of overthrowal of the fascist regime, to establish the power of national democratic forces. Now, our party works everything in its power in order to prepare a nation-wide resistance against imperialism and fascism, under deep illegality and continuous attacks of the police. With this aim, it makes constant efforts for realisation of the unity of action and a front of all national democratic forces.

In this struggle, the Communist Party of Turkey gives a high assesment for the solidarity with the fraternal German Communist Party. In this hard struggle, your solidarity with the CPT, with the forces of peace and democracy in Turkey and our country is a source of strength for us.

Dear comrades,

The Communist Party of Turkey has deep rooted, historical ties with the German Communist Party on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The 5. Congress of the CPT supports everything in its power the appeal of three fraternal parties, Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the German Communist Party and the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin on a new world war not to be erupted in the German territories and it became a platform of concrete expression of the communist solidarity.

We would like to wish you great successes in realisation of the "Action programme-1984 of the German Communist Party, for peace and Jobs" in the actions of strengthening the party and gaining young workers into the ranks of the communists and realization of all decisions to be taken in the congress.

Long live the German Communist Party!

Long live Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism!

Long live the forces in defence of world peace!

January 6, 1984

Haydar Kutlu
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCES

Dear Comrades,

With a deep grief, we learned that Comrade İsmail Bilen, Chairman of the Communist Party of Turkey, an outstanding personality of the international communist movement has passed away. Comrade Bilen has devoted all his life to the independence of Turkey, to the interests of the Soviet Union and to the triumph of the great ideals of peace and socialism.

He made great contributions for your party to gain strength organisationally and ideologically on the basis of undestructable principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Comrade Bilen made persistent initiatives in favour of unity and cooperation of the world communist movement. The Soviet communists know him as a fervent internationalist, a great friend of the CPSU and of the Soviet Union, a person who waged an uncompromising struggle against all shades of anti-Sovietism and made great services for development of fraternal ties between our parties.

The bright memory of Comrade Bilen will remain in our hearts forever.

Central Committee
Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Dear Comrades,

We learned with a deep sorrow the death of Comrade Bilen, Chairman of the Communist Party of Turkey.

Dear comrades of Turkey, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and on my own behalf, I convey to you our condolences with the deepest feelings.

The heart of the proletarian fighter does not beat anymore. Death of Comrade Bilen is a heavy loss for the working class of Turkey, for the international communist and workers' movement. İ.Bilen had devoted his life for the struggle for the interests of the Communist Party of Turkey, the working class and the toiling people. Being General Secretary of Your party for long years and recently being Chairman of your party, he has an unprecedented share in development of the Communist Party of Turkey under severe conditions of illegality.

With the death of Comrade İ.Bilen, we lost a tested internationalist and a true friend of our party and of the German State.

The Socialist Unity Party of Germany will always remember with respect the life of Comrade İ.Bilen, the life full of struggles and self-sacrifices.

Erich Honecker
General Secretary
Central Committee
Socialist Unity Party of Germany

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey has also received messages of condolences from the following fraternal parties: AKEL, CP of Austria, CP of Belgium, Bulgarian CP, CP of Czechoslovakia, CP of Egypt, French CP, Socialist Workers' Party of Hungary, the German CP, CP of Greece, Labour Party of Guatemala, Revolutionary People's Party of Mongolia, Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin, CP of Palestine, CP of Vietnam and also from the journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism".

Dear friends

We learned with a grief that Chairman of your party, esteemed İsmail Bilen has passed away.

Our party highly evaluates his long years of struggle in the working class movement of Turkey, his contributions through his struggles for development and strengthening of the CPT with new leaps, for development of fraternal ties of friendship among the peoples of Turkey and Kurdistan, among their organised forces and considers death of İsmail Bilen as a great loss.

On behalf of our Central Committee and of all members of our party, I convey my condolences to your Central Committee and to all members of your party on the occasion of death of İ.Bilen and share your sorrow.

With our revolutionary greetings and the most heartfelt solidarity wishes.

October 24, 1983

Serhad Dicle
General Secretary
Central Committee
Vanguard Worker's Party of Kurdistan

Dear Comrades,

There is an unforgettable place of Comrade İ.Bilen in the history of working class of Turkey. His personal political life was nearly in equal length with the life of the Communist Party of Turkey and this is more than half a century of unprecedented togetherness. This itself is honourable. Moreover, if the hard tests passed through the working class of Turkey has remembered, the importance of remaining and making contribution for such a long time in the movement without deviating from the main line of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism can be realized much better.

In the relative favourable conditions appeared in the years of 1970s as a result of developments in Turkey, Comrade Bilen has succeeded to reorganise and mobilise the CPT and made it to participate in the political life of Turkey. He made the CPT to gain a new generation and he brought them up.

Death of Comrade Bilen coincides with the process of closing of a period in the history of not only the CPT but as a whole of the working class movement. This process which covers a period is at the same time is the process of opening a new period. In the perspective which can give way to further stages of this new period, greetings to the memory of Comrade Bilen.

Behice Boran
Chairman of the Workers' Party of Turkey

Esteemed Comrades,

With a deep sorrow, we have learned passing away of Comrade İ.Bilen, Chairman of the CPT, from the material life.

Undelayable conditions of present and of the tasks of struggle that we try to wage shoulder to shoulder with you do not let us to be in mourning.

The same conditions prevent us to think over sufficiently on the communist heritage that Comrade Bilen left behind and the personal values that he carried away to the eternity. This with all its aspects is a matter to be assessed in future.

What we have conceived now is such that the "old founder" of the communist movement, the leader of the 1973 leap, teacher of the number of communist generations, a carrier and guard of the communist traditions, Chairman of the CPT and of all of us has left us.

The loss is so great and it is all of us. Condolences to the communists of our country,
the glorious working class and of the working people.
Communist greetings.

The Communist Labour Party of Turkey
Central Committee
Political Bureau

Dear Comrades,

I would like to convey the feelings of solidarity of our party on the occasion of death
of Comrade Bilen, who devoted his life for the struggle of the working class, who was
General Secretary of the CPT for long years and recently became Chairman of the party.

The working people of Turkey who carry on the struggle for democracy and socialism
will remember him with respect.

Kemal Burkay
General Secretary
Socialist Party of Kurdistan of Turkey

